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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Francoise LECLERCQ et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Application No.: 09/783,981 ) Examiner: Janet L. Epps  
Filed: February 16, 2001 )  
For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING )  
FUNCTIONALIZED )  
POLYALKYLENEIMINES, )  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING )  
THEM AND USES THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. By virtue of the shortened three-month statutory period set by the Office, this reply is due by April 14, 2003, and is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 34 and 38, as follows:

34. The process according to claim 23, wherein the functionalized hemiacetal has the general formula:

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